Motor vehicles in Metros

3343. SHRINARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

the total number of motor vehicles on the roads at present;

the number of motor vehicles expected to be on the roads in three years;

the total area of road miles existing in the metros today;

the addition that is planned for the next three years; and

(e) whether there is an action plan to deal with the chaotic traffic situation in our cities, which is leading to verty high level of pollution specially in the metros?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the latest available data the total number of registered motor vehicles in the country as on 31st March 2004 was 7,27,17,935.

The number of motor vehicles had steadily increased at an average rate of 10% per annum during the years 1994—2004. With this rate of increase, the number of motor vehicles in three years *i.e.* by the year 2011 is expected to be around 14,17,06,681.

Urban transport is a State subject. Information relating to total area of road miles in metro cities is not compiled by this Ministry.

and (e) As per the information obtained from Ministry of Urban Development, Urban transport is a State Subject, however, realizing seriousness of rapidly growing problem of urban transportation, Government has approved National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP) in April, 2006. The policy provides guidelines to the States/cities to design their urban transport strategies.

The Government also provides Central financial assistance for urban transport projects throguh various schemes like Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Scheme of Ministry of Finance for financial support to Public Private Partnership in infrastructure and budgetary support etc.

Further, to address various issues of urban transportation, advisory letters have been issued to all States/UTs for prioritizing investment in public transportation, non-motorised mode of transport, running of city bus service on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model, * integration of land use and transport planning, developing parking policy and using intelligent transport system for integration across various modes of transport and traffic management etc.

Road accident death figures

3344. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)the number of persons killed in the road accident during the last two years;

(b) whether this number of deceased is less or more than the number of persons killed in the road accidents during the two years preceding the said years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if this number is higher, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) As per the reprot by the States/ UTs, the number of persons killed on all roads due to road accident during the year 2004, 2005 and 2006 (the latest available data) is as under:—

Year	Persons killed on all roads
2004	92618
2005	94968
2006	105749(P)

P-Provisional

(c) Road accident and fatalities are caused by a number of factors such as driver's fault, mechanical defects in the vehicles, fault of pedestrains, bad road, bad weather, cattle, fallen trees etc. Other factors that contribute to road accidents are increase in vehicular population, increase in population, heterogenous traffic, modern high speed vehicles, increase in road space, etc.

High accident rate on Andhra Pradesh highways

3345. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether in comparison to other States a high rate of road accidents on the highways running through Andhra Pradesh is making travel by road quite unsafe to the people there;

if so, whether any assistance to the State is provided towards the accident prevention steps and also post accident relief;

if so, the details of the measures initiated in the said direction for the last three years and the financial allocation made during the said years; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) As per the report by the State/UTs, the details regarding road accident on national Highways during the years 2004,2005 and2006 (the latest available date) for all the StatesAJTs including Andhra Pradesh are enclosed as Statement *(see* below).

(b) to (d) To check road accidents in the country, this Ministry provides grant-in-aid under two scheme namely Two days Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector' to impart training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers to improve their skills and 'Grant of financial assistance for administering Road Safety Programme' for creating road safety awareness among road users through the Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). The details of grants-in-aid sanctioned under both the schemes for the State of Andhra Pradesh during the years from 2005-06 to 2007-08 are as under:—